

Newport hills

Community
Club
Newsletter



June 2006

Mission and Objectives

The Newport Hills Community Club is a volunteer neighborhood organization that stands for QUALITY OF LIFE by acting as a forum for controversial issues, by supporting and taking positive action towards community improvements and promoting social events throughout the year for all residents of Newport Hills.

Since the Club was formed in 1959 we rely on volunteers to accomplish our Mission and Objectives. We are 100% volunteer. Come and join us at the General Membership Meetings in March and October or Board Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the Newport Hills Community Church, 5833 119th Ave SE, Newport Hills, WA 98006. Membership dues are voluntary cost \$8.00 per year. **(Dues are not tax deductible because the Club is not a tax-exempt organization)**

Contact: NHCC 5806A 119th Ave SE, PMB #222, Bellevue WA 98006

Visit our website at: <http://www.newporthillscommunityclub.org>

Newport Hills Community Club Newsletter is published and funded by your voluntary yearly membership dues.



NHCC - 4th of July Picnic-BBQ

Dear Newport Hills Neighbors,

We are happy to invite you to the 5th Annual 4th of July Picnic & Children's Parade on Tuesday, July 4th at the Newport Hills Community Park.

The Children's Parade will kick off the festivities at 11:00am at the track at Eastside Catholic High School. Kids of all ages are encouraged to decorate your bike, wagon, stroller and yourself. Come prepared to have fun and show your patriotic spirit.

This year, the members of Newport Hills Community Club have been invited to swim for FREE at the Newport Hills Swim & Tennis Club from 4:00 & 7:00 PM after the picnic.

Please remember that this event is generously supported by our Local Merchants. Your patronage of Newport Hills businesses is appreciated.

Schedule of events :

- 11:00 Children's Parade
- 11:30 Picnic: Food is Served!
Dizzy's Tumblebus & Inflatable for kids.
- 11:30 Patriotic Songs by NH Community Church Choir
- 12:00 Dance Program by Cornerstone Dance Studio
- 12:30 Fire Truck demonstration
- 1:00 Pie Eating Contest
- 1:30 Tchoukball game
- 2:00 Baseball game
- 3:00-7:00 Swimming at Newport Hills Swim & Tennis Club

If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Steve Kunkel at 643-9095.



President's Message

Managing Change and Growth While Sustaining Our Quality of Life

Steve Kunkel, NHCC President

Hi neighbors!! Here's the June Newsletter, filled with interesting and timely information about our community. And don't forget we have even more information on our website.

When it comes to sustaining the Quality of Life, it's easy to focus on what isn't working in our societies and communities. And it's easy to get into resistance about what we don't want to happen in our community when it comes to change and growth. Instead I'd like to focus on some trends that are emerging that I think will provide some positive changes and transitions for us as individuals and collectively for our communities. In the March Newsletter I introduced these trends as follows: sustainable housing and transportation, preventative health care, more effective governments and volunteering at the local level.

Sustainable housing is about building homes with non-toxic materials that are renewable and recyclable and that use less energy. It's also about making high density housing (apartments and condominiums) more attractive as permanent homes. For more info about the "green" home building movement visit the Northwest EcoBuilding Guild at www.ecobuilding.org.

As for *sustainable transportation*, according to Paul Hawken, author of Natural Capitalism, the technology already exists to make ultra light cars from graphite plastic that will get 80 to 100 miles per gallon of gas. Busses and trucks will be soon be burning much cleaner types of fuel which will lead to cleaner, healthier air for all of us. Combined with more *(continued on Pg 3)*

Visit the Newport Hills Community Club website at: <http://newporthillscommunityclub.org>

Newport Hills Community Club Current Volunteers & Club Activities

Position	Volunteer		Current Project's)
President	Steve Kunkel		4th of July Picnic
Vice President	Gary Thramer		Pro tem, Cool Car Show, 4th of July Picnic
Secretary	Barbara Lee		Minutes of Meetings
Assistant Secretary	VOLUNTEER NEEDED		Historian
Treasurer	Beverly Heyden		Membership/4th of July Picnic
Assistant Treasurer	VOLUNTEER NEEDED		
Past President	Regina Glenn		
NHCommunity Church	Pastor Paul		Monthly meeting place
Membership Chair	Sandi Tampa		Data base for all addresses in NH and Finding Trustees for all Areas
Newsletter Chair	Cheryl Nygaard		Publisher
Vice Chair	VOLUNTEER NEEDED		Advertising
Vice Chair	VOLUNTEER NEEDED		Club Reporter for Newsletter
Website Chair	Grace Whiteaker		Updating and improving website
Assistant Website Chair	Michelle Hilhorst, Ray Osburn,		
Volunteer Appreciation Chair	Karen Yellman		Volunteer Appreciation Night
Vice Chair	Regina Glenn		Awards
Youth Activities Co-Chair	Michelle Hilhorst		Santa Tour Coordinator
Youth Activities Co-Chair	Dianna Campbell		Spring Egg Hunt (April)
Community Outreach Chair	VOLUNTEER NEEDED		Coordinates Social Events
Vice Chair	Heather Rane		Welcome Wagon
Vice Chair	Steve Kunkel		4th of July Picnic Coordinator
Vice Chair	Beverly Heyden		4th of July Picnic Assistant Coordinator
Vice Chair	Gary Thramer		Cool Car Show
Vice Chair	Steve Walker		Holiday Lights Awards
Land Use & Comm. Appearance	Brian Lewallen		West Ravine, Entry signs
Merchant Liaison Chair	Marie Cragar		Newport Business Association President
Government Liaison Chair	Ray Osburn		Coal Creek Park, Hospital District
Public Safety Chair	Vicki Judkins		Emergency Preparedness
Bellevue Liaison	Rich Dolleman		Represents City of Bellevue at meetings
YMCA Liaison	Rebecca Wilson		Represents YMCA at meetings
Red Apple Receipt Coordinator	VOLUNTEER NEEDED		Collects and turns in Red Apple receipts
Signage Coordinator	Lillian Meyer		Put up and take down signs and banners
Trustees	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED		Areas 8, 9, 18,19,20,25,26,27,28,29
			See map of Newport Hills on Website

Managing Change and Growth While Sustaining Our Quality of Life (Presidents Message cont.)

Continued Sustainable transportation: sustainable high density housing there will be fewer cars on the roads and no cars at all in some areas of future cities and towns.

Preventative health care is here to stay. More and more of us are setting the goal of living as long as we can without the aid of toxic drugs and/or surgery. Companies that provide whole, organic food, natural supplements, pure water & exercise are all booming industries today. Clearly the crisis of upward spiraling costs in the health care industry will be headed off by healthier people who require fewer drugs, fewer tests and less surgery. Check out www.glycoscience.com to find out what research is being done to prevent health issues with only the addition of simple fruit & vegetable carbohydrates to the diet.

Well, that's about all the space I have for this issue. In September I will continue with the subject of positive trends that are improving our Quality of Life.

Steve Kunkel



Calendar of Events



The Newport Hills Community Club supports the QUALITY OF LIFE for our community by taking positive action towards community improvement and promoting social events.

All Newport Hills Community residents are encouraged to attend all of these events and meetings.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- 4th Of July Picnic July 4th, 2006
- Hot Rod & Cool Car Show August 12th, 2006
- Santa Tour Dec 16th, 2006
- Holiday Lights Contest Dec 23rd, 2006

BOARD MEETINGS: 3rd Tuesday each month at 7:00 pm

- June 20th, 2006 July 18th, 2006
- August 15th, 2006 September 19th, 2006

Meetings are held at the Newport Hills Community Church at 5833 119th Ave. SE, Bellevue, WA, phone: 425.746.8034.

Would you like to volunteer to help?



Job Postings

Did you know? We currently are in need of a volunteer to take responsibility for the Newsletter Reporter and Red Apple Receipts Chair:

Newsletter Reporter Vice Chair Responsibilities: Take pictures and write newsletter articles for upcoming newsletter. Assist with the club reporting.

Red Apple Receipts Chair Responsibilities: Collect local Red Apple receipts from designated merchant drop off sites. Total receipt & submit to Red Apple for cash donations back to the Community Club.

Please contact Steve Kunkel or Gary Thrasher for more info.

Vice President's Message

Meet a new neighbor month!

I hope everyone has plenty of opportunities this spring/summer to get outside & enjoy our beautiful area.

As I am writing this article, it is a spectacular sunny spring day with trees & flowers in full bloom and wonderful colors everywhere. It's wonderful to see folks in the neighborhood out walking again or working in the yard. For this reason, I am unofficially declaring the month of June, "Meet a New Neighbor" month in Newport Hills. Your only requirement is to get outside and find someone in your neighborhood who you haven't yet met. Then, go & introduce yourself. You can even tell them you are just fulfilling your duty as a resident of Newport Hills at the request of you NHCC Vice President. It's fun to meet new people & who knows what else you'll learn.

If you need help in finding a new neighbor, call me. With just a tiny bit of effort we can all add one more person to our "hello neighbor" list when we are out enjoying this great place we call Newport Hills.

See you at the 4th of July Picnic.

Gary L. Thrasher

VP Newport Hills Community Club

**Recognitions to Outgoing
City of Bellevue Liaison, Patricia Burgess**

On behalf of all the Board of Directors & all the NHCC members, we extend a huge **Thank You** to Patricia Burgess for your support and dedication for the past two years. We all will miss your warm smile & support from City of Bellevue.

We would also like to welcome our new Bellevue City liaison, Rich Dolleman.



NHCC - Public Safety

In case of EMERGENCY—
Procedures for

Reporting to the Bellevue Police Department:

You must familiarize yourself with these instructions, so you'll be prepared in an emergency:

1. Identify yourself- (name, address, phone #)
2. Type of Crime- (burglary, assault, suspicious person or vehicle, etc...)
3. Crime in Progress- (or when it occurred.)
4. Where- (address, color of building, location or name of building, or landmark if no specific address can be given.)
5. Suspect Armed- (gun, knife, etc...)
6. Description of Suspect- (height, weight, age, race, clothing, hair color and gender.)
7. Description of Vehicle- (color, year, make, model, body style, and license plate.)
8. Direction in Which Suspect is Traveling- (North, South, East or West & on what street.)
9. Stay on the phone until the dispatcher tells you to hang up.

After calling the police, activate your telephone chain so that neighbors can help watch the suspect and give the police department more detailed and updated information. This telephone chain can be the same as your emergency preparedness/disaster chain. For more information on emergency preparedness, please reference the NHCC website. PLEASE reserve the use of 9-1-1 for Emergencies and Crimes in Progress only. For reports of suspicious persons, vehicles and/or activity or other police assistance, dial the non-emergency line at (425) 452-6917. The Chief wants you to become involved in crime prevention through watching and reporting. Remember, police officers would much rather respond to a call where they are not needed than not be called at all.

Vicki Judkins, Public Safety Chair

We Appreciate Your Help!

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to two important local merchants who assisted with the Santa Tour; Newport Hills Drug and our local Bank of America.

Our Newport Hills Drug store is sooooo AWESOME!!! Thank you! They order our candy canes each year without even having to be asked.

We'd also like to extend a special thank you to Marie Crager, the Bank of America manager, for providing the Santa's chair, helping to decorate and supplying the popcorn machine. Please accept our apologies for missing your thank yous for the Santa Tour.

Michelle Hilhorst, Santa Tour Coordinator



Support Your

NEWPORT HILLS COMMUNITY CLUB

At only \$ 8.00 per year, your voluntary membership goes a long way: The Spring Egg Hunt, Community Clean-Up, 4th of July picnic, Santa Claus tour, quarterly newsletters & our insurance. Please support your NHCC and its many volunteering Block Captains & Trustees by offering your \$ 8.00 when you are contacted or mail in the form below.

Because we are not a charitable organization your dues and donations are not tax deductible.

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Address: _____

Enclosed are my dues 2006 **\$8.00**

Donations \$ _____

Extra contributions help fund programs like the Santa Tour & Spring Egg Hunt. Donations & dues are not tax deductible.

_____ Yes, I would like to volunteer please contact me.

Phone: _____

Email: _____

mail to: **Newport Hills Community Club
5806A 119th Ave. SE, PMB #222
Bellevue, WA 98006**

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WEB-UPDATE...

www.newporthillscommunityclub.org

New Feature: A Government Liaison page is coming soon to our website. You'll be able to find information related to various government projects, tax districts, school bond issues, & more.

Have you wondered how your child's school compares to others in terms of WASL scores and teacher ratings? Check out the Washington State School Report Card linked from the Our Neighborhood page: www.newporthillscommunityclub.org/newporthills.shtml#Schools

Have an idea, comment or suggestion related to the website? Send email to webmaster@newporthillscommunityclub.org or use the web form located at: www.newporthillscommunityclub.org/contacts.shtml#Web

Have a great summer, everyone!

Grace Whiteaker
NHCC Web Master



Government Liaison

Hospital District #1

Ray Osburn, Government Liaison
Email: rayosburn@comcast.net

Valley Medical Hospital District Information

Did the "other" category on your property tax bill go up this year? Most Bellevue residents don't pay hospital taxes, but nearly all of Newport Hills is in the Valley Medical Hospital District. The district's assessment went from \$.09 per thousand to \$.59 per thousand of home value this year. That's \$200 to \$250 per year for the average Newport Hills home. As a group - we pay \$590,000 each year. The increase helps pay for emergency medical services at Valley Medical Hospital in Renton, and it passed in a district-wide vote last year.

At the April 24th Bellevue City Council meeting, city staff presented their findings on how frequently these emergency services were used by Bellevue residents in the last year. The answer? Only five times! That compares to 170 trips to Overlake Hospital (2.5 miles closer), and 44 to other area hospitals.

What if we want out? According to city staff, existing legal recourse isn't favorable for that, but the council feels strongly that they should try to help if they can. At the meeting, they agreed to develop a resolution to the Hospital Board in support of our withdrawal, and City staff will explore potential legislative remedies. In other words, without the agreement of the Hospital District Board, we'd need to change state law to make an easier way out. Language will probably take a number of weeks to work out, and as we hear more we'll report it on the club website under the government liaison page of the club website. In the meantime, you may wish to let the hospital board, our city council and state legislators know how you feel about this issue.

For more info, you may wish to see the city staff's brief or listen to the web cast of the 4/24/06 council meeting where residents spoke up and requested the council's help. Links to both of these will be added to the government liaison page along with updates. You may also have seen the 4/26 King County Journal front page article on the issue which quoted Sylvia Jones, an active club member.

Wish List & Donation Fund

Our community has many requests and needs to help make our community more enjoyable. Consequentially, the Club's budget does not stretch to pay for many of these items. In an effort to try to attain a few of these, the club has Wish List Account. This separate account Wish List is funded **only** by your special donations.

Any new items that the community would like to add to this list will be brought forth in discussion at the NHCC Monthly Board Meetings. Donations are always appreciated whether money or in kind.

Our current Wish List:

1. Money for a new entrance sign for 119th Ave SE (*matching the Lake Heights entrance sign*)
2. Money for 4th of July Picnic
3. Improve appearance of landscaping around entrances to Newport Hills..

**Thank you for your generous donations
because every little bit helps.**





Save Your Red Apple Receipts ...

for every penny counts!



The Newport Hills Red Apple donates one percent back of the total of all grocery receipts from their store to the Newport Hills Community Club. Receipt collection points are NH Chevron, NH Union 76, and Mojo Espresso. And of course your NHCC Officers and Trustees. Help support the NHCC, turn in your receipts today. Also, please do not cut the date off the receipts you save.

Senior Get Together

The South Bellevue Seniors meet at the Lake Heights YMCA . All seniors are invited to come and enjoy community service, crafts, activities and fellowship:

- ◇ All Seniors Invited: Tues & Thursdays 10am-2pm
- ◇ Pinochle Card Games: each Tuesday, 10-12 noon.
- ◇ Bridge Card Games:
 - Tuesday, 9:00 - 12 noon.
 - Wednesday: 12:15 3:30pm
 - & the 1st & 4th Friday of each month at 7-10pm.

Please contact Jo Fritze 425-255-0895 for more info.
Betty May Coburn

Advertise Your Local Businesses in the NHCC Newsletter!!!

The Newport Hills Community Club offers the opportunity for local businesses within the boundaries of the distribution to purchase advertising in the community newsletter. This advertising opportunity is limited to residents & merchants of the Newport Hills Community.

Advertising rates per issues: 1/8 page \$ 85.00

1/4 page \$ 150.00 and 1/2 page \$ 250.00.

Pricing for June 2006 rates, & may change with out notice.

The money raised from the paid advertising will pay the cost of printing, folding, & mailing the newsletter 4 times per year plus additional community activities. This newsletter will be distributed to over 3,000 homes in the NHCC area.

Issues are distributed in :

Spring — March	Summer — June
Fall — September	Winter — December.

Advertising in the NHCC Newsletter is a great way to introduce your business to your neighbors. Camera ready artwork is required. For more information please contact: Cheryl Nygaard, (206) 465-3105.



Too Tall Tiger

Join In Our Community Carnival

Saturday, June 24th

Time: 11-3 p.m.

Where: Newport Hills Community Church



5833 119th Ave. SE
Bellevue, WA 98006
425-746-8034

more info at:

www.NHCCforJC.org

The games, prizes, excitement and fun are our free gift to the community!

The food items for your enjoyment will carry a small charge

Bring Your Friends For A Fun Filled Time!

Eggs-Success

Special "Eggs"-Thank You to Dianna Campbell this year for a fun-filled and successful Spring Egg Hunt.

There are actually several separate egg hunts groups based on children's ages from 2 to 10 years. Each group searched and found chocolate eggs & other delights scattered around the playground at Newport Heights Elementary School. The hunt began with the youngest children at 9:00 AM - followed by four age groups, so all children will have some fun.

A real live Bunny (about the size of a person) showed up to make it special for the smaller children.

Thank you Dianna for all your hard work and a very *Egg-Successful Hunt Event!*



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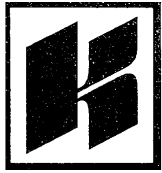
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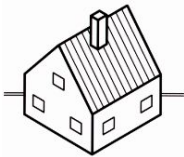
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Hot Rods  & COOL CAR SHOW 

The Newport Hills Community Club in conjunction with the Red Apple Market, Newport Hills Chevron & the Newport Hills Business Association are proud to sponsor this years Hot Rod & Cool Car Show.

Bring your cars, the kids *and* your furry friends to this years popular family event.

When: August 12th, 2006
Where: Newport Hills Shopping Center

- 7:00-11:00 am Pancake Breakfast** Yummy!
- 8:30 am Car Registration**
- 9:00 - 4 pm Car Show** ~ Raffle & Prizes awarded.
- 11:00 am Pet Costume Parade** ~ Prizes awarded.
- 12 - 4 pm Mouthwatering Bar-B-que** to enjoy!

All food is donated by your local merchants with proceeds going directly to support Newport Heights Elementary School PTA.

This year we are excited to invite you to dress-up your furry friends & participate in the 1st Pet Costume Parade. Great fun for the whole gang & lots of really "cool" cars.

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

*Join Us For Our Community Carnival
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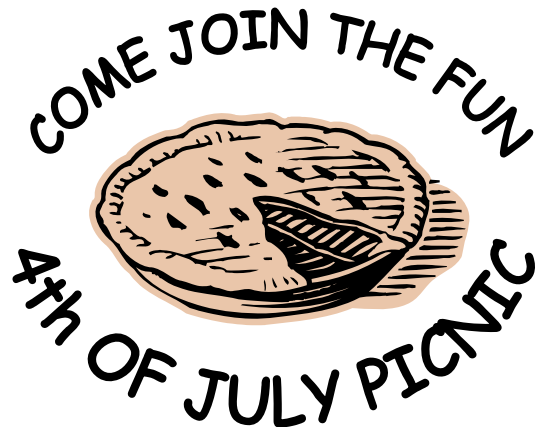
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Newport Hills Community Club & Our Local Merchants Presents

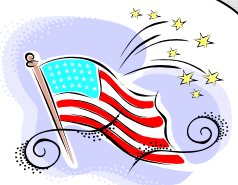
4th of July Picnic-BBQ, Children's Parade

Newport Hills Neighbors are invited to join us for:



- ♦ **11:00** Children's Parade (*Begins at Eastside Catholic High School track. Kids of all ages are encouraged to decorate bikes, wagons & yourself to ride the track. Have fun & show your patriotic spirit.*)
- ♦ **11:30** 4th of July - Neighborhood Picnic—BBQ
(*Hot dogs, burgers, garden burgers, sodas & chips provided to you **FREE** by your local merchants & NHCC*)
- ♦ **11:30** **Dizzy's Tumblebus** - Kid Inflatable & Family Games
- ♦ **11:30** Patriotic Songs by *Newport Hills Community Church Choir*
- ♦ **12:00** Dance Program by *Cornerstone Dance Studio*
- ♦ **12:30** Fire Truck demonstration
- ♦ **1:00** Pie Eating Contest—sponsored by *Newport Hills Business Association*
- ♦ **1:30** Tchoukball game
- ♦ **2:00** Baseball game
- ♦ **3:00 – 7:00** Open Swimming at Newport Hills Swim & Tennis Club

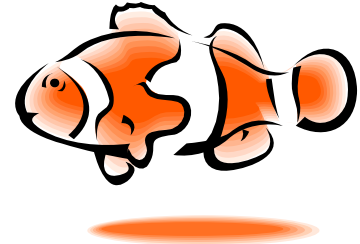
What: 4th July Picnic
 When: Tuesday, July 4th
 Where: Newport Hills Park



This wonderful family event was made possible by the Newport Hills Community Club and the local merchants who donate everything as well as their time, free of charge! Thanks You for all your support!

More info visit the Newport Hills Community Club website at: www.newporthillscommunityclub.org

Starting today you can swim with the big fish.



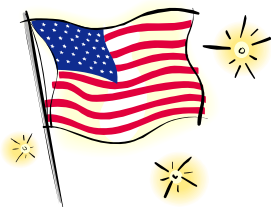
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Join your family, friends and neighbors in our summer programs*. We offer youth swim, dive, tennis, & water polo teams and lessons along with day camps, dive camps and tennis camps for a full summer of fun and learning! **Please visit our website for more information www.nhstc.com**

** Club membership required to join summer programs.*

4th of July

All Newport Hills Community Club members are invited to join us on
 July 4th from 3 – 7 PM for our
 4th of July community open swim.



Newport Hills Swim & Tennis Club
 5464 119th Avenue SE – Bellevue - 425-746-9510
www.nhstc.com



Visit the Newport Hills Community Club website at <http://newporthillscommunityclub.org/>